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TREE PLANTATION IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area in the country on which trees were planted during the period from 1989 to 1999 indicating the number of trees planted;

(b) the total amount spent thereon;

(c) the target fixed for the afforestation for the next year; and

(d) the amount proposed to be spent thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to(d): During the period 1989-90 to 1999-2000, tree planting was carried out in the country over 17.53 million hectares, the number of seedlings planted being about 3,506 crores. Expenditure incurred on tree planting during 1989-90 to 1996-97 was about Rs. 5,526.78 crores. As per information given by the Planning Commission, the outlay for the forestry and wildlife sector during 1997-98 to 1999-2000 was Rs. 3,874.78 crores. Expenditure incurred on tree planting activities alone for 1997-98 to 1999-2000 has not been reported by the State Governments. The target of tree planting and afforestation for the financial year 2000-01 is 1.93 million hectares. The outlay for 2000-01 under the centrally sponsored afforestation schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests is Rs. 160.12 crores, in addition to the annual outlays for this purpose provided in the respective State Plans.